

Since the National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts around the country,

it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with events ranging from tours, reenactments and rallies to black-tie balls and state and local competitions.

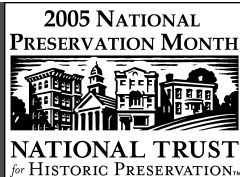
It has served as a showcase for local communities to honor their past and help build their future for more than three decades. Due to its overwhelming popularity, the National Trust has decided to extend Preservation Week into Preservation Month to provide an even larger opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states. We expect that Preservation Month, in May, will help bring historic preservation to the forefront of Americans' daily lives by emphasizing the vital importance of protecting our nation's history.

Throughout McHenry County, various historic groups, preservation commissions and municipalities will be celebrating Preservation Month with "Look At Local History" as their theme. This guide provides a listing of the numerous events taking place throughout McHenry County during the month of May.

Throughout the Month of May

Downtown Crystal Lake restaurants will feature placemats with vintage pictures and information about the downtown train depot.

The McHenry County Historical Society's Historic Sites Committee is launching a "Greek Revival Registry Contest" to identify and register these structures throughout McHenry County. The public is invited to locate Greek Revival structures, fill out entry forms including a photo of the site and mail them to the museum before May 31st. The person with the most entries wins *The Field Guide to American Houses* by Virginia and Lee McAlester. For more information call 815-363-8287



May 22

Orlando Nash Headstone Dedication

2:00p.m.

Lake Avenue Cemetery, Crystal Lake

Crystal Lake Historical Society

Dedication of headstone marking the grave of Crystal Lake resident Orlando W. Nash who died in the Civil War. For more information call 815-455-1151.

Historic Woodstock Opera House Tour

1:00p.m.

Woodstock Opera House Lobby

Woodstock Historic Preservation Commission

Program and slide show discusses the history of this National Historic Landmark providing a behind the scenes look at the 1889 theater. Reception in the Community Room to follow. For information contact the Opera House at 815-338-5300.

May 23

Marengo Historic Preservation Awards

7:00p.m.

Marengo City Hall

Marengo Historic Preservation Commission

Awards presented to various individuals in recognition of their contribution to the community through their efforts in the restoration of historic properties and/or promotion of Marengo's history. For further information contact the Marengo City Hall at 815-568-7112.

May 26

Historic Woodstock Opera House Tour

2:00p.m.

Woodstock Opera House Lobby

Woodstock Historic Preservation Commission

Program discusses the history of this National Historic Landmark and provides a behind the scenes look at the 1889 theater. For information contact the Opera House at 815-338-5300.

Historic Barns of McHenry County

7:30 p.m.

Trout Valley Barn, Village of Trout Valley

McHenry County Historic Barn

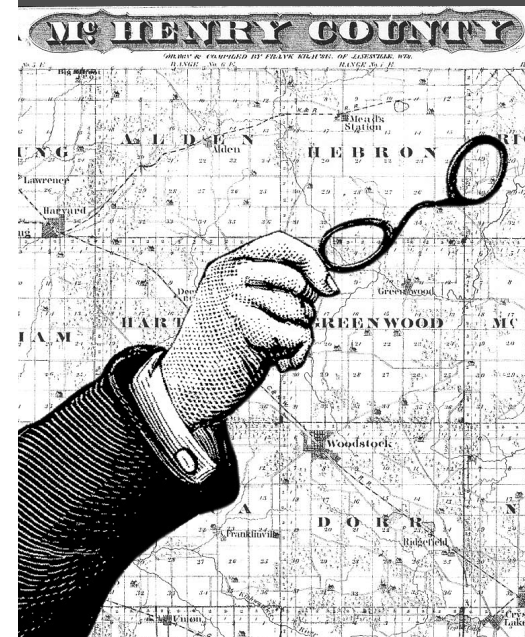
Preservation Association

Slide program featuring McHenry County barns, Q&A session about barn restoration and a preview of the Fall 2005 Barn Tour. For additional information visit www.mchenrycountybarns.org.



May 2005

Look At Local History



**McHenry County
Celebrates National
Historic Preservation Month**



May 2005

Look At Local History Month

May 1

Marching Off—Left Behind: Civil War Experience

1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Union, IL

McHenry County Historical Society

Grand opening of new exhibit. Programs feature Civil War era women's dresses, period music, display of Company H Battery Civil War cannons and the 8th Illinois Cavalry encampment. For program and admission information call the Society at 815-923-2267 or visit www.mchsonline.org.

May 2

Historic Woodstock Opera House Tour

1:00p.m.

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May 10

Historic Woodstock Opera House Tour

2:00p.m.

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May 11

Algonquin Annual Historic Achievement Award

7:30p.m.

Historic Village Hall

Algonquin Historic Commission

Commission will recognize a community member who has helped preserve Algonquin's Historic Heritage during the it's regular monthly meeting.

May 14

Seventh Annual Seminar

8:30a.m-3:30p.m.

D'Andrea Banquets, Routes 14 & 31 in Crystal Lake

McHenry County Civil War Round Table

Program includes informative lectures, a Civil War book-seller, book signings and door prizes. Continental breakfast and hot lunch will be served. Registration fee is \$45.00 or \$50.00 at the door. For information and/or reservations call 815-923-1910.

Hidden Treasures

9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road

Huntley Historic Preservation Commission

Exhibits of Huntley's hidden treasures presented by the Historic Preservation Commission and library. Displays include architectural novelties uncovered in local home restorations, beauty of natural wood through woodwork refinishing, a local garden and eclectic memorabilia.

May 15

Ice Harvesting In Crystal Lake

2:00p.m.

Crystal Lake Public Library

Crystal Lake Historical Society

Film presentation that demonstrates the ice harvesting process along with a display of tools and photos. For more information call 815-455-1151.

Hidden Treasures

Noon to 4:00p.m.

Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road

Huntley Historic Preservation Commission

Exhibit continues.

Note: Huntley Town Square self-guided walking tour flyers will be available the entire month of May at the Library Reference Desk. Leisurely tour the square and discover its many historic sites.

May 18

3:00p.m.

Historic Woodstock Opera House Tour

Woodstock Opera House Lobby

Woodstock Historic Preservation Commission

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May 17

Woodstock Historic Preservation Awards

7:00p.m.

Woodstock City Hall

Woodstock Historic Preservation Commission

Presented during the City Council meeting to individuals in recognition of their community contributions through their efforts in the restoration of historic properties and/or promotion of Woodstock's history. For further information please contact the Woodstock City Hall at 815-338-4305.

May 21

Spring Grove Cemetery Walk

Downtown Spring Grove

Village of Spring Grove

Free tour of the Spring Grove Cemetery on Main Street in the old downtown area and tours of the newly renovated 1896 Town Hall building at 1917 Main Street. With Storyteller Jim May. For more information please visit www.springgrove.org.il.

May 22

McHenry County Scenic Road Designation

1:00p.m.

Pringle School, Marengo

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission will be designating River Road in Marengo a McHenry County Scenic Road. For additional information contact the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development at 815-344-4560.

Open House at the Historic Village Hall

Noon to 4:00p.m.

2 S. Main Street

Algonquin Historic Commission

Displays of Eastview Student Algonquin History Projects, memorabilia of Algonquin's past, and "Then and Now" presentation featuring original views of Algonquin Past.

Old Town Merchants Walking Tours

2:00p.m.

Historic Village Hall

Algonquin Old Town Merchants

Walking tours during the afternoon.

